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PRELMINARY AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE **MISSING PARTS**

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Attn: BOX MISSING PARTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Non Provisional Application mailed March 9, 2001, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, replace paragraph 1 with the following:

Fig. 1. Alignment of the Arabidopsis thaliana and human PMS2 cDNAs (SEQ ID NO: 4 and 3, respectively).

At page 5, replace paragraph 2 with the following:

Fig. 2. Alignment of the Arabidopsis thaliana and human PMS2 proteins (SEQ ID NO: 12 and 11, respectively).